

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are active in the present application. Claims 7, 9, 10, 12 and 15 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter is added. Action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

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SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph on page 17, lines 23 and 24 through page 18, line 6, with the following paragraph:

--Specifically, 300  $\mu$ l of a first reagent, a 50 mM MES buffer (pH 6.5) containing 0.005% (40 [ $\mu$ m]  $\mu$ M) digitonin, was added to 3  $\mu$ l of the samples. After 5 minutes, 100  $\mu$ l of a cholesterol determination reagent (a second reagent), which is a 50 mM phosphate buffer (pH 6.5) containing 1% Emulgen B-66, 1 U/ml cholesterol esterase, 1 U/ml cholesterol oxidase, 5 U/ml peroxidase, 0.04% disulfobutyl-m-toluidine, and 0.004% 4-aminoantipyrine, was added.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 [or claim 6], wherein the compound having a relatively strong affinity with the non-measuring lipoproteins in the sample is a saponin.

9. (Amended) The method according to claim 7 [or claim 8], wherein the saponin is digitonin or tomatine.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 [or claim 6], wherein the compound having a relatively strong affinity with the non-measuring lipoproteins in the sample is a polyene.

12. (Amended) The method according to claim 10 [or claim 11], wherein the polyene is selected from the group consisting of nystatin, filipin, pimacyllin, pentamycin, trichomycin, fungichromin, perimycin, amphotericin, etoluscomycin, primycin, and candigin.

13. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 [or claim 6], wherein the compound having a relatively strong affinity with the non-measuring lipoproteins in the sample is a peptide.

15. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 [or claim 6], wherein the compound having a relatively strong affinity with the non-measuring lipoproteins in the sample is a lectin.--

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